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Dear Paul,

With each passing day it becomes more important that you permit yourself to detach yourself from emotional andother involvements and prejudices in order that you not do what I'm sure you don't want to do, mess up what we are working on and from the great distance you can have no way of knowing about.

First of all I do have a firm offer from a mass publication. Another is pending. The cash in the first will make an appreciable contribution to what Jim owes the bank. If the pending one is not better, we'll accept the first. I'm hopeful of the second and what it can mean in the future.

Next, there are to be stories in prestigeous papers, two with possibilities of syndication. One crappy mention can ruin this. Perhaps a third. And I'll be approaching a fourth when I can. Third approach made.

However, all these things must be coordinated and that means under central and singular control. They are not for amateurs and not for free-lancing, no matter how well intended.

There today is nobody in Congress with less influence than Gonzalez and on this subject he has ruined himself by association with and talking about nuts only. It would be much better if you send him nothing. If you have, please ask him to hold off. Your chances of killing something much better I've been working on in the Senate are very good and it ought not happen. Besides, as you knew all along, we are sending copies to each member. Other interests Gonzalez use can also kill. Thus we have stayed away.

This again gets down to what you are unwilling to face. You have x invented a series of self-feeding fictions and unless you just leave things alone you are running a great and unnecessary risk of being a wrecker. Ancillary rights require several months. However, once this is out, we can expect official misuse of which there are already indications. Recent as only yesterday.

Unwelcome as you may find it you are going to learn that I have been only truthful with you and you have invented an opposite and personalized version.

There remains what I'd have expected you to recognize, ethical consideration, especially the big hunk of money Jim has borrowed and we have to pay back off the top. You really should devote yourself to other things and leave our book to us. It is not at all unusual. Anything else is exceptional. And you were offered in to begin with.

I hate to have to keep writing unwanted warnings to you but I am absolutely terrified that with your refusal to face the actualities on this, your dedication to the fictions you have invented, your desire to do something constructive , you may be very, very hurtful. Intentions are not relevant. Realities and consequences are. I remind you still again that there is the expert Jim White with whom you can consult or perhaps Jon Newhall, to whom I spoke yesterday or the day before, may have spoken to you. It really is as I tell you and regardless of your intentions you do pose a serious hazard to real success by this persisting free-lancing. You also really ought not wake Jim up in the morning. He works to 4-5 a.m. and now is under even greater pressures. That you phoned at 4:30 your time signals your anxiety. PLEASE quiet it and let us do all that is possible, as we are trying and not without some help. This part of the work Jim leaves to me, so you ought not pressure any agreement from him just to keep you quiet. And there is so much work I have to do I ought not have to keep writing cautions to you. The real ways help can be offered they never are. Nobody wants to do the dirty work. Like addressing and making packages or getting out a mailing to my mailing list. Yes, we plan to and plan a flyer and if you want free copies of the flyer, let us know. PLEASE be content and let us work without these worries!

Sincerely,